

This listing of claims replaces all previous versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer system comprising:

means for intercepting a non-context-sensitive user request for auxiliary information;

means for determining an active window from among one or more open windows, the active window displaying an application program output of an application program;

means for making the user request context-sensitive and associating the auxiliary information with the application program based on the determination the active window;

first display means having a predetermined first display area dedicated to displaying a ~~main window~~ of an application program output;

second display means having a predetermined second display area dedicated to displaying auxiliary information related to the application program; and

means, responsive to the application program, for separately routing the ~~main window~~ application program output exclusively to the first display area and the auxiliary information exclusively to the second display area so that display of the auxiliary information never overlaps or conceals display of the ~~main window~~ application program output.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein:

the routing means includes a multimonitor support feature inherent in an operating system of the computer system.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein:

the auxiliary information is help information from a help information data base included in the application program.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein:

the first and second display means constitute different portions of a screen on a single display device.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein:

the first and second display means constitute respective first and second physically separate display devices.

6. (Original) The system of claim 5, wherein:

the second display device is physically smaller than the first display device.

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7. (Original) The system of claim 5, wherein:

the second display device has a lower resolution than the first display device.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein:

~~the system further comprises intercepting means for intercepting a user request; and~~
the routing means routes the auxiliary information to the second display means in response to the intercepting means' interception of the user request.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein:

the user request is an invocation of a help function in the application program; and
the routing means constitutes means for routing help information from a help data base in the application program to the second display means.

10. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein:

the system further comprises means for continually monitoring an active window in the application program; and
the routing means constitutes means for automatically routing to the second display means, auxiliary information that corresponds to a window that the monitoring means determines to be the active window.

11. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the routing means constitutes:

means for automatically routing to the second display means, help information that corresponds to a window that the monitoring means determines to be the active window.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for displaying auxiliary information to prevent overlap with display of ~~a main window of an application program output associated with an application~~ program, the method comprising the steps of:

intercepting a non-context-sensitive user request for the auxiliary information;

determining an active window from among one or more open windows, the active window displaying the application program output;

making the user request context-sensitive and associating the auxiliary information with the application program based on the determination of the active window;

routing and displaying ~~the main window of the application program output~~ to a first dedicated display area that ~~cannot~~ does not display the auxiliary information; and

separately routing the auxiliary information to a second dedicated display area that ~~cannot~~ does not display the ~~main window application program output~~, so that display of the auxiliary information never overlaps or conceals display of the ~~main window application program output~~.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein:

the routing step includes a multimonitor support feature inherent in an operating system of the computer system that executes the application program.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein:

the auxiliary information is help information from a help information data base included in the application program.

15. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein:

the first and second display means constitute different portions of a screen on a single display device.

16. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein:

the first and second display means constitute respective first and second physically separate display devices.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein:

the second display device is physically smaller than the first display device.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein:

the second display device has a lower resolution than the first display device.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein:

~~the method further comprises intercepting a user request; and~~

the routing step includes routing the auxiliary information to the second display means in response to the interception of the user request.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein:

the user request is an invocation of a help function in the application program; and

the routing step constitutes routing help information from a help data base in the application program to the second display means.

21. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein:

the method further comprises continually monitoring an active window in the application program; and

the routing step constitutes means for automatically routing to the second display means, auxiliary information that corresponds to a window that the monitoring step determines to be the active window.

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automatically routing to the second display means, help information that corresponds to a window that the monitoring means determines to be the active window.
